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Title:

SYSTEMS, DEVICES, STRUCTURES, AND METHODS TO SHARE

RESOURCES AMONG ENTITIES

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RECEIVED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the CEIVED deadline for response from September 12, 2002 to October 12, 2002.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

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Applicant has reviewed the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review dated January 11, 2000. Correction of the informalities noted therein will be made upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

Please cancel claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 21, 22, 39, 40, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 65, 66, 78 and 79 without prejudice.

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 21, 22, 39, 40, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 54, 65, 66, 78, and 79, amendment of previously pending claims 1, 8, 20, 30, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 49, 52, 64, and 74. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked-up claims.